

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION of the City of Seattle City Council approving and ratifying the decision of the King County Council that amends the King County Countywide Planning Policies to define the priority locations for receiving transit service and to revise the Potential Annexation Areas map.

WHEREAS, the King County Council adopted the original countywide planning policies in July 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) was established by interlocal agreement in 1991 to provide the collaborative policy development of Countywide Planning Policies; and

WHEREAS, Countywide Planning Policies FW-12(b), FW-18, FW-19, T-1, FW-21, CC-4, and FW-29 state the intent that transportation, infrastructure, human services, and community services be provided in ways that support desired land use patterns and are consistent with growth targets; and

WHEREAS, Countywide Planning Policies LU-47, FW-37, and FW-38 call for development of financing strategies and service priorities for allocating regional services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Countywide Planning Policy FW-12(b) states that “The growth targets...shall be supported by both regional and local transportation investments. The availability of an adequate transportation system is critically important to accommodating growth. The regional responsibility shall be met by planning for and delivering county, state and federal investments that support the growth targets and the land use pattern of the County...”; and

WHEREAS, the current allocation system for providing new regional transit service does not implement these Countywide Planning Policies, which were adopted in 1992; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2009, the Growth Management Planning Council approved GMPC Motion 09-1, amending the King County Countywide Planning Policies to establish housing and employment growth targets for the 2006-2031 period; and

WHEREAS, the County growth targets assign 37 percent of the growth in housing and 35 percent of the employment growth to the City of Seattle, which comprises less than 20 percent of the land area within the Urban Growth Area, and which as a result would continue to have much greater density than any other jurisdiction in the County; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2010, the GMPC unanimously approved GMPC Substitute Motion 10-2, amending Countywide Planning Policies FW-18, FW-19 and T-14 to direct transit service to locations within the county where existing and planned densities produce conditions likely to result in high transit ridership; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2010, the Metropolitan King County Council, through adoption of King County Ordinance No. 16912, approved GMPC Motion 10-2, amending the King County Countywide Planning Policies to state that the priority for transit service shall be locations with existing or planned housing and employment densities that will support transit ridership; and

WHEREAS, King County ordinance No. 16912 also approved an amendment to the Countywide Planning Policies revising the Potential Annexation Area Map to adjust boundaries of Potential Annexation Areas between the cities of Kent and Renton, with the mutual agreement of those two cities; and

WHEREAS, the 1991 interlocal agreement remains in effect, requiring ratification of Countywide Planning Policies and amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies by 30 percent of the jurisdictions representing at least 70 percent of the population of King County, within 90 days of adoption by the King County Council;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Seattle hereby approves and ratifies the amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies approved in Motion 10-1 of the Growth Management Planning Council amending the Potential Annexation Area map and in Motion 10-2 revising policies relating to transportation and stating that the priority for transit service shall be areas where housing and employment densities will support transit ridership, adopted by King County Ordinance 16912 (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A),

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the Metropolitan King County Council.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and signatures hereon.

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2010, and
signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day
of _____, 2010.

President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2010.

City Clerk

(Seal)

Exhibit A: King County Ordinance 16912